

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter reflected in Claim 6. In the Office Action of October 31, 2007, Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim from which Claim 6 depended. Accordingly, Claim 6 has been canceled, and independent Claim 5 has been amended to include all the elements that were previously represented in Claim 6.

In the Office Action, Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. More specifically, Claims 7 and 8 contained an element that maintained insufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, applicants amended Claim 5 from which Claims 7 and 8 depend so that each element in these claims maintains sufficient antecedent basis.

Claims 1-4 and 11-15 have been canceled without prejudice. Subject matter that is not reflected in the currently pending claims may be pursued by applicants in a later-filed application. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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